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# 1,000 DELEGATES CONVERGE ON MONTREAL

**(By CJN Reporter B. GOLD)**

One thousand delegates are converging on Montreal this weekend to participate in B'nai B'rith historic convention when Canadian District No. 22 will be inaugurated. The Inaugural Convention will open tomorrow, Saturday evening, May 2nd, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel and will continue through May the 5th.

Henry Blatt of Montreal, one of Canada's most popular Jewish leaders, will be formally installed as the first president of Canada's own B'nai B'rith district.

Montreal's Mayor Jean Drapeau issued a special message to the delegates participating in the historic convention.

International Presidents Label A. Katz and Mrs. Leonard Sims, of B'nai B'rith Men and Women, will be in attendance at the formal institution of the Canadian District.

The presence of the world famous B'nai B'rith leaders, as well as an extraordinary program, is expected to "make this affair one of the outstanding B'nai B'rith Convention in its history," according to David Katz, Convention Chairman.

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"Although we have enjoyed extremely cordial and wonderful relations with our American neighbours during the nearly 80 years we have been part of District No. 1, the first and the largest District in the World Order of B'nai B'rith, every one of our more than 15,000 members in Eastern Canada, from Halifax to Windsor, is overjoyed at the prospect of becoming an autonomous Canadian District," said Mr. Katz.

"As a District Grand Lodge, Canadian B'nai B'rith will now orient its services completely to Canadian needs. Although we will still be working together with the seven other American Districts, for the first time Canadian B'nai B'rith will be an equal partner on the Order's International Council and will have a voice in shaping its policies, together with the Districts outside of North America," Mr. Katz stated.

**LEADERS IN PANEL**

On Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, at 2:00 p.m., Samuel Bronfman, dean of Canadian Jewish leaders, will chair an ADL symposium. Label A. Katz, Michael Garber, President of Canadian Jewish Congress, Saul Hayes, Executive Vice-President of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ben Epstein, Director of B'nai B'rith's ADL and Sydney M. Harris, National Chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, will participate in this panel program which is open to the public.

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**Hails B'nai B'rith through The Canadian Jewish News: Montreal's Mayor Jean Drapeau.**

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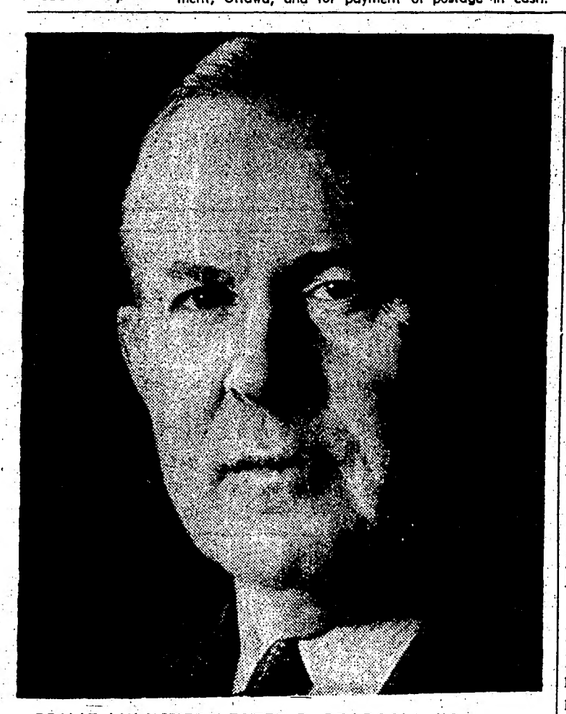

PRIME MINISTER LESTER B. PEARSON: "One can be a good Canadian and proud to help Israel."

## PEARSON'S HISTORIC ADDRESS

# PM: PEACE WILL AID ARABS

### Hussein Hopes For Peace

LONDON, (CJN) — Reuters News agency reports from New York: King Hussein of Jordan said here on Thursday he hoped and believed a solution could be found to the dispute between Israel and the Arab States.

The king was talking to newsmen inside the giant U.S. pavilion at the World's Fair here. He said the Arab States had "always wanted to live in peace and had the right to live in peace with Israel." He went on: "I hope and believe it will be possible to find a solution to our disputes, which have gone on for so long".

### Demand Change Of German Policy

TEL AVIV, (CJN) — HATZOFE, the daily of the National Religious party, demands that the government review its attitude to West Germany and takes steps on the international arena in view of Bonn's reference back to an interministerial committee of the Passport Bill designed to curb the activities of German scientists in Egypt.

**Foreign Minister and Opposition Leader on means to combat hatred. Diefenbaker (left): Let's first apply existing law. Paul Martin (right): New law if necessary.**

## SAYS PROUD TO HAVE HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE STATE OF ISRAEL

## Jerusalem Hails Address

*by Oscar Berson, CJN Staff Writer*

In one of the most courageous addresses of his entire political career, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson proclaimed to the world Canada's belief in the future of Israel, in its right to survival and development, and expressed his hope for the day of peace in the Middle East when Israel and her neighbors will cooperate with each other, help each other, benefit from each other and become good neighbours.

The Prime Minister of Canada received a standing ovation from more than twelve hundred assembled, including leading Canadian statesmen and the most outstanding members of the Jewish community, when he appeared at the Allan Bronfman Testimonial Dinner, at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel, on Sunday. Allan Bronfman was honored as the Man of the Year by the State of Israel Bonds organization.

### BELIEVES IN PEACE

In a moving speech, the head of Canada's government who had won the Nobel Prize for his battle for peace, again expressed Canada's faith in peace in the Middle East and his own hopes for the future of that area when "Israel's neighbours" will "benefit from her cooperation". Replying indirectly to the warm tribute paid to him by Israeli Ambassador Gershon Avner — as one of those who helped establish the Jewish state — Mr. Pearson said:

"....No achievement ever gave me greater satisfaction than to help in the establishment of the state of Israel.... I knew then that I was on the right side". Then the Prime Minister added, regretfully that he was not able to "establish Israel in peace and security", a goal yet to be reached.

### SEE BI-PARTISAN FRIENDSHIP

(The Canadian Jewish News correspondent in Jerusalem reports that Mr. Pearson's remarks in Montreal have been received with extreme satisfaction in Israel. A source close to the government told CJN that Mr. Pearson again appeared as the friend of both Jews and Arabs, wishing them peace and prosperity. Also it was recalled that Pearson's predecessor and present Opposition Leader John G. Diefenbaker, when in power, had spoken in a similar vain on peace. This, in the opinion of the Israelis, proves the bi-partisan friendship of Canada toward Israel and the entire Middle East).

Other important points in Mr. Pearson's speech:

● "I know that tonight he (Allan Bronfman) is being honoured, among other things, for what he has done to help the motherland of all Jewish people, the State of Israel.

● "His experience in this great endeavour itself illustrates what I have been trying to say. Our loyalty and our love need not be exclusive. You can be a good Quebecker and a better Canadian. You can be a good Canadian and proud to help the State of Israel; help the gallant people of that progressive democracy keep strong for survival while we seek a peace in the Middle East which recognizes their right to survival."

Among the speakers were: Sam J. Davidson, (Chairman); Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat; D. Lou Harris; Samuel Bronfman; Milton L. Klein; QC. M.P.; Michael Garber QC; Samuel Moskovich QC.

## DIEFENBAKER, MARTIN STATE VIEWS

# GOV'T., OPPOSITION FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST CANADA NEO-NAZIS

The sensational revelations by The Canadian Jewish News last week, that the Nazi underground in Canada already has descended into the abyss of ritual murder accusations against Jews, and the reprinting of the Streicher venom, caused great consternation among Canadians.

The Canadian Jewish News learned that the Federal Department of Justice and the Provincial Government of Ontario are giving serious thought to some definitive move against the hate peddlers.

For the first time a federal cabinet minister has stated, for the record, that the government may be forced to submit laws to Parliament to deal with this evil.

External Affairs Secretary Paul Martin, speaking Monday night at a Brotherhood meeting in Toronto's Beth Sholom, declared that the problem for the government was to find a proper formula for banning hate from the mail. However, the government would sponsor new laws only if the situation warranted it, if the present laws proved insufficient to deal with this evil.

Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, in an address in Montreal, also touched upon the hate propaganda.

Speaking at the Allan Bronfman testimonial dinner, the Prime Minister stated that "it is the duty (of the government) to act against all those who advocate, incite or insinuate discrimination; or disseminate 'hate' literature for that purpose."

However, Mr. Pearson feels that the best protection "against this poison is an active and alert public opinion, insisting that our laws be adequate and that they be enforced."

The Prime Minister also said that, although some of these matters are "under provincial jurisdiction, notably the enforcement of law, there is still a federal, and overall Canadian responsibility."

The Canadian Jewish News also learned that the Walker-Klein Bill soon will be brought up in Parliament and some of its features may gain serious support.

To address Toronto Jewry: Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman, world famous educator and president of the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner of Beth Jacob, Toronto's only Jewish girls' high school on May 26th.

### CHALLENGES THE LAWS

OTTAWA (CJN) — Opposition Leader John G. Diefenbaker challenges the Federal Minister of Justice, the Hon. Guy Favreau, to test the pertinent section of the criminal law against the disseminators of hate literature in Canada.

Mr. Diefenbaker, author of Canada's Bill of Rights, does not consider it necessary to pass a special law in order to exterminate the Nazi underground.

In a statement to The Canadian Jewish News, the Opposition Leader said:

"The recent spate of poisonous racialist literature in Canada calls for action. It cannot be justified as an exercise of Freedom of Speech.

"I believe that the Criminal Law as it now is should be tried as a means to meet these foul outbursts of intergroup antagonism and hatred.

"I refer specifically to Section 166 of the Criminal Code which reads:

'Every one who willfully publishes a statement, tale or news that he knows is false and that causes or is likely to cause injury or mischief to a public interest is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for two years.'"

The opposition leader believes, however, that any special law directed against the perpetrators of these foul crimes could undermine the Bill of Rights.

## • Commentary •

By M. J. Nurenberger

### THE MALADY & THE CURE

*One of the most moving documents in the history of the last decades is a letter the bereaved mother of Walter Rathenau wrote to the murderer of her son. In this letter, as I recall, she gives vent to her feelings of compassion for this misguided youth, killer in cold blood of the most brilliant foreign minister Germany ever had had — killed only because he was a Jew.*

*Despite the magnanimity of Frau Rathenau, this murderer later became the "hero" of the Nazi movement.*

*Nobody in Germany, both in the early 30's and cursed 40's, ever remembered the gesture of the grieving mother; certainly the Nazis never appreciated its humaneness, nor had the lesson the grand old lady wished to teach the German youth ever penetrated.*

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*Whenever I read the abstract and often pathetic hymns to the cause of freedom of speech — where action stopping this lunatic fringe is demanded —, I often am reminded of this episode in the early beginnings of Nazi activities in Germany.*

*Mrs. Rathenau was not the only one who failed to grasp the ominous signs of danger when she forgave the cowardly assassin. Others did too, among them the most elevated spirits in Germany (especially social democrats and liberals who believed that the famous Weimar Constitution was a sufficient deterrent against the rising Nazi movement).*

*The gang, however, did not esteem this loftiness; it was out to destroy democracy. Like Chicago gangsters or, for that matter, mobsters anywhere, it exploited the democratic freedoms and rights for the purpose of burying liberty and justice.*

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*According to the Sages of the Talmud, compassion for a murderer is tantamount to cruelty against justice. Yet, it is remarkable to note the number of well meaning people who ignored crimes committed by peddlers of hatred, demagogues dividing nations, and rabble rousers — all in the name of democracy and freedom. However, comes the time when democracy under assault must defend itself.*

*From afar, it is easy to explain why we must war against the enemy; yet, when the fiend lurks within our own frontiers — and the battle against those demons undermining society is that much easier —, we overlook the threat.*

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*It is repeated again and again: obscene literature by so-called political groups is not less endangering our society than are pornographic books.*

*Thus the recent wave of dissemination of hatred by operators manipulating at the very brink of the law must be dealt with legally in order that our society does not become affected by a malady which could become disastrous.*

### J. P. KATZ

Jerusalem, (CJN). — The funeral took place here on Tuesday of the late Yehuda P. Katz, 79, of Toronto. Y. P. Katz, well known businessman, and a founder of Canadian Mizrachi, died in Toronto last week end and his remains were flown here on Sunday night. (The funeral cortege in Toronto began at the College Memorial Chapel where he was eulogized by S. Abella and Z. Weinberg. Rabbi Mordechai Ochs delivered the eulogy at the Eitz Chaim schools).

Y. P. Katz is survived by his wife Anna Leah; a daughter (Mrs. Rae Platner); 3 sons, Bernard J.; Morris J.; Nathan N.; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

### REB EPHRAIM NUSSBAUM

**SPRING VALLEY, N.Y. (CJN) — The demise is reported here of Reb Ephraim Nussbaum, one of the well known leaders of Orthodox Jewry and a pioneer in the field of Jewish education in North America and Europe. He was 83.**

**Reb Ephraim, a native of Galicia, was active in Holland prior to World War II. He then fled to England from where he emigrated to Toronto, where he and his sons became leaders in the Orthodox Jewish Community.**

**Mr. Nussbaum will be remembered in Toronto for his charity and leadership in the community.**

### SHRAGAI IN TORONTO

S. Z. Shragai, world renowned religious author and world Mizrachi theoretician, will speak in Toronto this Wednesday evening, May 6th.

The lecture will take place at the Zionist Religious Centre, 86 Vaughan Road.

## Toronto Students Win Prizes

Winners of the Fourth Annual Toronto Regional Bible Contest recently received cash prizes from Leonard Mayzel Lodge of B'nai B'rith. The contest was conducted under the auspices of Toronto's Bureau of Jewish Education, an agency of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal.

Students of Toronto Jewish schools competed in three divisions — Advanced Hebrew, for day school students; Intermediate Hebrew, for afternoon Hebrew schools; and Comprehensive English, for students who study the Bible in English. First place winners in these divisions will represent Toronto in the National Bible Contest to be held in New York on May 10.

The winners were:

Advanced Hebrew — Barry Walfish, Toronto Hebrew High School, first place; Irving Markus, Toronto Hebrew High School, second place:

Intermediate Hebrew — Allan Gerstl, North Bathurst Talmud Torah, first place; Linda Kaftan, North Bathurst Talmud Torah, second place.

Comprehensive English — Larry Englander, Temple Sinai Religious School, first place; Edward Fingold, Holy Blossom Religious School, second place; Charles Brand, Beth Sholom Mildred Arnoff Memorial School, third place.

TO THE VICTORS: John D. Fienberg, third from right, president of Toronto's United Jewish Welfare Fund, accepts a cheque for $500 from Basil Cohen, retiring president of Leonard Mayzel Lodge of B'nai B'rith, for distribution to winners of the fourth annual Toronto regional bible contest. Jack D. Pearlstein, Q.C., president of the Bureau of Jewish Education, which conducted the contest, is at extreme right. The winners, seated left to right, are: Edward Fingold, Linda Kaftan and Charles Brand. Standing, left to right, are: Allan Gurstl, Irving Markus, Larry Englander and Barry Walfish.

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# TO CELEBRATE CLOSING OF U.J.A. DRIVE

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With the drive entering its final phase, Mr. Richmond emphasized that "hundreds of cards, representing hundreds of thousands of dollars" must be covered within the next three weeks. "This money is essential if the Toronto Jewish community is to meet its obligations at home, in Israel and elsewhere in the world," he asserted.

Mr. Richmond announced that a total of $2,223,450 has been raised thus far.

In a statement to UJA campaign workers, Mr. Richmond urged everyone who still has outstanding cards to see his prospects immediately, "before these contributions are shunted aside by other matters and perhaps lost to UJA."

"Blitz Days" were held by the Construction Division and by the Barristers Group last week to quicken the pace of their campaigns. The Construction "blitz" took place at the Anndore Hotel, where the canvassers came for breakfast. Sidney Green won a prize of tickets for the Stanley Cup playoff for covering the most cards during the day. The Barristers met at the office of the chairman, Edwin A. Goodman, Q. C., to get their cards for coverage.

Mr. Richmond reported that in Jerusalem, the Israeli Government has been warned that the immigration and absorption budget has nearly reached the breaking point. Difficulties in immigration during the past year had been greater than anticipated because of the higher cost of the current immigration and the higher cost of absorption.

Following is the summary of 1964 UJA results:

Construction — $433,790; Jewellers — 30,215; Automotive — 176,551; Furniture — 97,142; Hardware, Housewares & Toys — 49,542; Heavy Industry — 152,097; Foods & Services — 366,110; Men's Apparel — 91,769; Furriers — 28,935; Women's Apparel — 141,500; Insurance — 17,989; Brokers — 52,220; Accountants — 94,090; Barristers — 112,096; Physicians — 50,477; Dentists — 36,401; Optometrists — 6,215; Pharmacists — 32,422; Mercantile — 62,321; B'nai B'rith 33,232; Metropolitan — $14,709; Treasury Gifts — 14,553; Women's Division — 127,529; Miscellaneous — 1,545.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION BLITZ: The second blitz day of Toronto's Construction Division campaign was held recently with headquarters at the Anndore Hotel. In these photos are shown some workers who gathered for breakfast. In top photo, from left to right, are: Harold Green, Sol Mednick, H. Wayne Tanenbaum, Ubby Dashkin and Moe Emer. In bottom photo, from left to right, are: Harold Nisker, Sidney Green, Samuel Black and Ernest Bloch.

MAYOR SAMPLES ISRAELI PRODUCTS: His Worship, Toronto's Mayor Philip Givens, at the Israeli Exhibit, Grocery and Supermarket Show, Queen Elizabeth Building, Toronto's Exhibition Park. With Mayor Givens are, left to right: Yehuda Tamary, Israeli Consul in Toronto and M. Livnat, Israel's Trade Commissioner in Canada.

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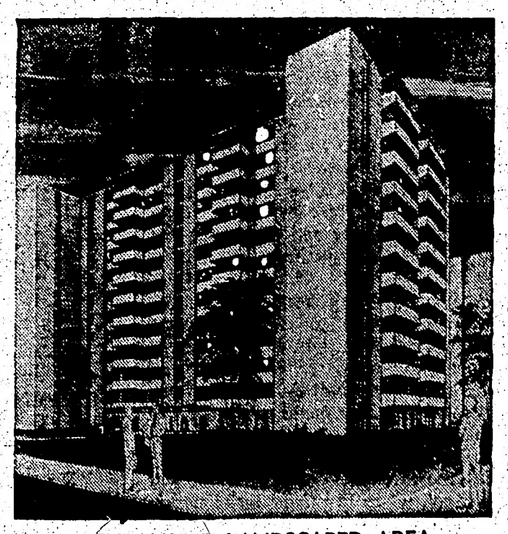
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The meeting is being convened by Mr. Arthur Minden, Q.C., Chairman of the Board of Rassco Associates in Canada.

Mr. Torczyner currently serves as the Assistant to the President of Rassco Israel Corporation. In addition he is the Chairman of the National Executive Council of the ZOA, member of the Presidium of the Zionist Actions committee, Vice President of the World Union of General Zionists.

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ON THE EVE OF PRAYER DAY

# opposition leader hopes for reply to house on russians

OTTAWA. (CJN) — The Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, Leader of the Opposition, told The Canadian Jewish News this week he was "surprised" that Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson had not yet informed the House of Commons of the results of the Canadian demarche in Moscow on the treatment of the Jewish minority in Russia.

On March 24th, the Eve of Passover, Mr. Diefenbaker raised in the House the problem of the three-to-four million Jews living in the Soviet Union. The Opposition Leader then informed the House that, for the third successive year, the Jews in the USSR would be deprived of Matza; that matza parcels from abroad, including those sent by Canadians through official Soviet agencies, had not been delivered.

### "DEEP CONCERN" STRESSED

In his reply, the Prime Minister stated he would instruct the Canadian Ambassador to the USSR, Mr. Ford, to make inquiries and then he would inform the House.

Mr. Pearson, on this occasion, made a moving statement in which he declared that this situation in Russia was "the deep concern" of all Canadians, and that Moscow would be informed of the feeling of the Canadian people in this respect.

However, as The Canadian Jewish News was subsequently informed, when the report from Moscow arrived, Ottawa decided to withhold its publication. The Canadian Jewish News also was told that the Government felt it was in the interest of all concerned to handle this problem through diplomatic channels.

Last week Mr. Diefenbaker again made a strong plea on behalf of Russian Jewry.

Addressing a Bar Ilan University dinner in Montreal (at which time the former Prime Minister received an honorary fellowship from Israel's only university under religious auspices), Mr. Diefenbaker said, i.e.:

● Internationally there has been improvement in relations between East and West but the treatment of the Jews in the USSR is a denial of the basic principles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

● Some three to four million Jews are being subjected to increasing discrimination and persecution. They had a measure of freedom prior to 1948.

● Today Jewish schools are prohibited, hundreds of synagogues have been closed.

● I would like to see Canada take a lead in making a strong protest to the USSR against these and other discriminatory courses being followed by the Soviets, for without protest the leaders of the USSR may be lulled into believing that what is being done does not matter to the Free World.

When asked by The Canadian Jewish News whether he had any comment concerning the official silence following our intervention in Moscow, the Opposition Leader replied:

"On March 24th I strongly brought before the Prime Minister the request that the Government protest this unfairness and injustice to the USSR. Several weeks have passed already, and as yet there has been no report to the House about the nature of our representation and the reaction of the Soviet authorities.

"I am surprised — more than surprised — that nothing further has been said by the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs".

When The Canadian Jewish News asked the Opposition Leader whether, in his opinion, the fact that the USSR is buying wheat from Canada may have any relationship to this policy, Mr. Diefenbaker replied:

"This I refuse to believe. After all, I was the one who initiated the sale of wheat to the Communist countries. We will continue to sell to them only so long as they need it. This is strictly a commercial deal".

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**The All-Canadian Rabbinical Conference, embracing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform, is sponsoring a day of prayer for Soviet Jewry on Tuesday, May 5th. Jews of all parts of Metropolitan Toronto are being asked to meet for evening prayers at 8:00 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst Street.**

**The service will take the form of the weekday evening devotions. It is expected that a speaker from abroad will address the worshippers. Representatives of the leading Christian churches of Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations are expected to attend.**

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## CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF ALL JEWISH LEADERS

JERUSALEM, (CJN) — The Tel Aviv Daily newspaper HERUT published an editorial calling for the resignation of the leaders of the world's Jewish and Zionist organizations following Dr. Nahum Goldmann's admission, at a French rally last week marking the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt, that in order not to interfere with Allied war effort in the Second World War Jewish leaders in America did nothing drastic to press for the bombing of the German death camps and rail lines to them, despite a frantic telegraphic appeal to that effect from the Jews of Warsaw.

## Erhard: No Dice

Berlin, (JCNS) — The time was not yet ripe for establishing full diplomatic relations between Israel and Federal Germany, Professor Ludwig Erhard, the German Chancellor, said in an interview broadcast by the West Berlin radio station "Sender Freies Berlin."

Dr. Erhard said he believed Israel understood Germany's problems and he fully understood Israel's desire to make better progress in her negotiations with the Common Market. He would give every support to these efforts by Israel.

Dr. Erhard said he had had many discussions with Levi Eshkol, the Israeli Prime Minister, in Brussels. He had also met and was on friendly terms with Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Israeli Finance Minister, Dr. Nahum Gold mann, the president of the World Zionist Organisation, and Dr. Eliezer Shinner, head of the Israeli mission in West Germany.

## toronto

Recently the Bergen Belsen Survivors Association held its annual commemorative banquet.

Mr. N. Grossman, member of the executive, called that body to the head table; David Goldsilver was master of ceremonies. Bernard Laufer, president of the Bergen Belsen Association, made the opening remarks. Speakers included: Alan Borovoy, director of the Human Rights Committee of the Canadian Labor Congress; Mr. Paul Troppman, Montreal columnist.

Sharon Eisenstein brought greetings; Mrs. Helen Goldsilver recited a poem appropriate for the evening. Jenny Eisenstein sang.

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The United Jewish People's Order of Toronto recently commemorated the 21st anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising under the chairmanship of Mr. Jerry Bain.

Six New Canadians, victims of German brutality, lit six candles as a symbol of the six million Jews who perished in the German gas chambers.

Mr. Henryk Laszcz, First Secretary of the Polish Embassy in Ottawa, was a guest speaker. The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir participated. A resolution was passed, directed to Prime Minister Pearson.

## books

EVERYMAN'S TALMUD by Rev. Dr. A. Cohen. Dent-Dutton, Toronto, 1963.

This is the sixth, well-deserved reissue of Cohen's classic and lucid primer on some of the Talmudic teachings. It is still one of the most comprehensive anthologies though, for the readers' benefit, not written in the form of compiling and piling one quotation upon the other. It is justly a summary of many areas of both the Halackic and Aggadic parts of the Talmud and Rabbinic literature.

Though written mainly for the layman, the scholar will find as much use from it as from that other famous work, 'Judaism' by Moore, with the advantage over the latter: that its particular style and system make it more readable even while its compact size makes it more accessible.

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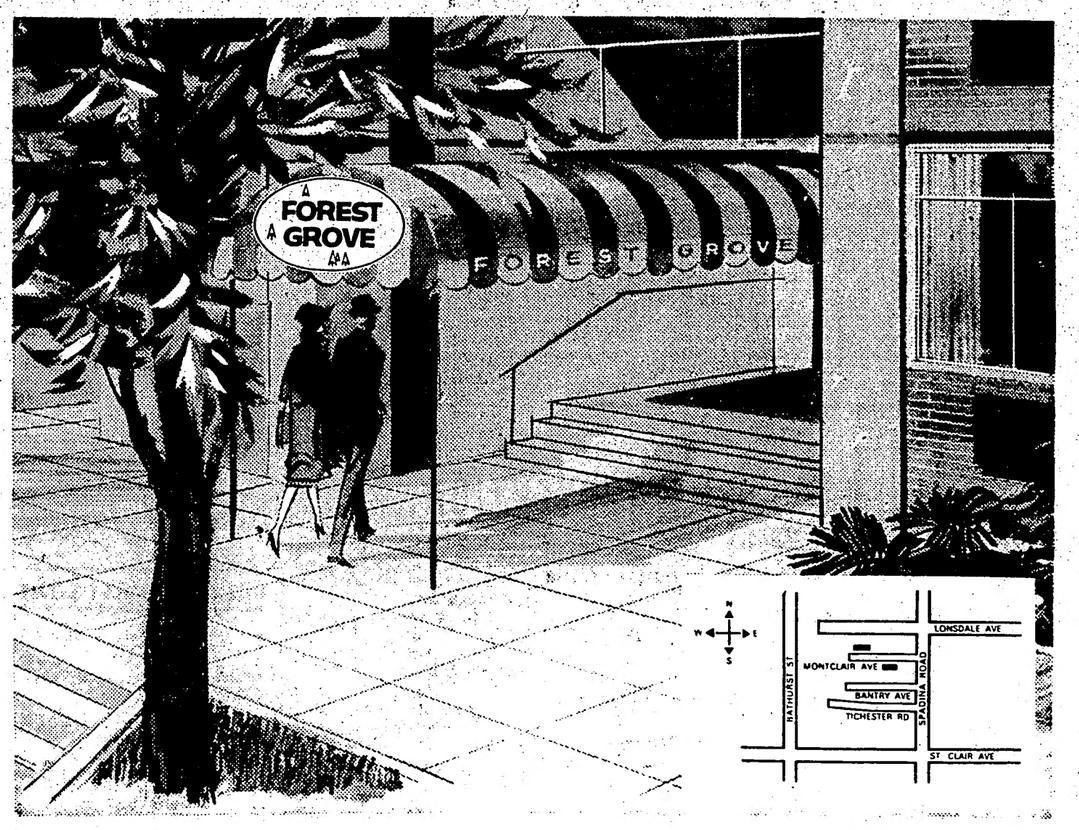


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NASSER BRAGS AGAIN

## TIME FOR U.N. INTERVENTION

The protest to the United Nations by the British Government against dictator Nasser's last provocation in Yemen calls for serious consideration by all of us.

Speaking in Sa'Ana, capital of Yemen, Abdul Nasser bragged last week that he would destroy the last vestiges of British influence in the Arab world and also destroy Israel.

Nasser's statement is but one of several provocations committed by Arab despots in the last few days. Echoing his mentor, dictator Ben Bella of Algeria also threw in a word about 1964 being the year of destiny for the liberation of Palestine.

In New York city, containing the largest Jewish community in the world, the little king of Jordan had the temerity to exhibit in his pavillion on the grounds of the World's Fair propaganda directed against Israel.

It is apparent that all these provocations by member states of the United Nations call for courageous action at East River. It is useless to postpone further a public debate, within the organization of the nations of the world, of this constant, uninterrupted breach of international decency. The question remains whether any resolution of censure against these Arab war mongers will carry a majority vote. It is high time the voice of reason prevail before an actual conflagration erupts in the Middle East, one which could involve us all.

CONSERVATIVE RABBIS

## A GREAT CONVENTION

Last week's convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America at Grossingers, New York, has been remarkable from more than one point of view.

First of all, one should note the middle-of-the-road attitude taken by the Conservative rabbis in regard to the present religious structure of Israel. While the convention officially endorsed the stand recently taken by its president — that of supporting the American organizations in protesting to Eshkol against too much power for the Israeli chief rabbinate — the convention saluted Israeli Chief Orthodox Rabbi, Dr. Unterman.

This followed a heated debate in which many Traditionalist rabbis openly opposed the position taken by the president, that of joining non-religious organizations in the battle of ideas against Orthodoxy.

Many members of the Conservative rabbinate stressed that the Conservative Movement is anxious to impose a Torah life upon Jews the world over. As one rabbi pointed out, one cannot be opposed to enforced kashrut in Israel yet, at the same time, demand the same in a North American community.

However, the most sensational remark at this conference was made by Rabbi Simon Greenberg, vice chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who openly stated that the World Zionist Organization has failed to adapt itself to the present reality of Jewish life. The World Zionist Movement, he said, outlived itself, for the present challenge to our community is spiritual, not political.

Generally, this Rabbinical Assembly Conference will be recorded for its high intellectual level of debate and for the serious concern demonstrated by all participants in reevaluating accepted truisms.

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

## SCARBOROUGH: UNREALISTIC APPROACH

The decision by the Board of Education of Scarborough, Ontario, to introduce in the public schools a revised religious curriculum is, in our opinion, unrealistic.

According to the statement issued by the Board last weekend, its resolution calls for courses both on the Old Testament in Judaism (in Grade7) and on the New Testament and Christianity, in Grade 8. It also proposed a course in other major religions for Grade 9.

We believe this proposal is impractical for many reasons, one of which should be spelled out. It is naive to suggest that religion can be taught in public schools as dispassionately as physics, mathematics or taught or relayed as "pure information", unbiased and without prejudice, favorable or otherwise.

The teaching of religion is without any value if instruction in a particular faith is given by a non-believer. Religion borders on this very delicate imponderable, called faith.

For example, how can Judaism be taught by one who does not share this faith, especially where children are involved? How can the New Testament be taught by one who does not believe in its holiness?

Time and again it has been stressed that to a believer the Bible is not literature or history. In order to imbue children with more than literary interest in the Holy Book the teacher must believe. Otherwise, it is sheer waste of time; the effect of instruction may result in exactly the opposite of the desired aim, no matter how lofty.

Thus we think it advisable to eliminate entirely this subject from public schools.

The essence of tolerance in a democracy is, accepting the fact that people need not pray together in one house of worship nor study religion together in one classroom, in order to live peacefully together.

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## letters to the editor

# "The Evil Eye"

Dear Editor:

It was with great satisfaction that I read your Commentary (April 17th) entitled, The Evil Eye, concerning the "liberal" opposition to Jewish Day Schools. I highly commend you for your audacity to publicly and constructively criticize those who eagerly desire to lead our people along the road of assimilation to total "integration" among the nations of the earth. As you so eloquently stated: "Judaism, the Jewish people, remains anchored to Sinai, to Torah. Without it there is no Jew in the historic arena".

We all painfully realize that in our lifetime we have witnessed the most gruesome calamity that befell our people; the horrible destruction of European Jewry which had developed through a thousand years of sacrifice and martyrdom. At that crucial moment in Jewish history, there arose faithful and courageous leaders, princes of the Torah, who heard a voice from the past, the urgent plea of Rabbi Jochanan ben Zakai, saying, Give me Yavneh and her Sages, give me the Torah Schools, to assure Jewish perpetuity.

With tear-laden eyes to the past, they planted the seeds of the future by establishing the Day School Movement. To-day we are grateful beneficiaries of their forsight.

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The Day School Movement is contributing a glorious chapter to the annals of Jewish history. Toronto and Montreal Jewry may well pride themselves in having a most eminent position as pioneers of this historic movement.

New York City

David Grossman

UNITY — WHAT'S THE PRICE

by The Rt. Hon. L. B. PEARSON
Prime Minister of Canada

# biculturalism

The foundation on which problems of our federation must be resolved is acceptance, in the first place, of the full partnership of English speaking and French speaking Canadians. In our national federation each province has its own rights, its own resources and its own jurisdiction. This is particularly significant, surely, in the case of Quebec which, as well as being a province, is also the home of most of our French speaking Canadians, the guardian of their language, their traditions and their way of life. The solution, on the essential foundation which I have mentioned, to our problems must be found in what we call co-operative federalism. That means to me that the federal government must of course always seek the approval of provincial governments, when that is necessary under our constitution, before decisions are made. That is obvious. But there must also be consultation on matters which, while within the jurisdiction of the federal government, are shared constitutionally with provincial governments, or are of such great and immediate importance to provincial governments that, for good results, provincial support and co-operation must be obtained.

At the same time the federal government has obligations to discharge to the people of Canada as a whole. The necessity, which is admitted, of increased consultation with provinces need not and must not interfere with the discharge of those obligations. The issue is not, and must not, become "provincial rights" versus "Canada first". These slogans and any others which represent competing approaches to national unity are dangerous and could be destroying; and they misrepresent the actual position. This is how Professor Corry of Queen's University puts it in an article on "Constitutional trends and federalism":

We are likely to have to live for a long time with the equivocal structure called co-operative federalism. It has arisen because several separate governments share a divided responsibility for regulating a single economic and social structure. It is most unlikely that any constitution could be devised which would enable each to perform its specific functions adequately without impinging seriously on the others. So their activities are inevitably mingled, and co-operative arrangements must be worked out. In the result, formal powers are not co-terminous with operating responsibilities; the two levels of government as well as the several state and provincial governments interpenetrate one another in many places and ways. Under the heat and pressure generated by social and economic change in the twentieth century, the distinct strata of the older federalism have begun to melt and flow into one another.

This is only one reason why any government in Ottawa must confront forces which would separate or divide us, with the aspirations of all Canadians and the determination of the vast majority of them in every part and province of our country to remain Canadian citizens; citizens of no mean country; citizens of a nation which is greater than the sum of its parts. The dream of a strong and united Canada, as we all know, is older than confederation itself. Indeed, it motivated confederation. It was in the mind of an honourable member of parliament, Louis Honore Frechette, in 1875 when he made this statement:

We will form but one great nation with deep-rooted patriotism and noble aspirations, working as one to common prosperity, and advancing together towards a great and productive future.

**NO EASY SOLUTION**

On this ideal alone can we find the solution to the problem of the relations between English speaking and French speaking Canadians. It is a problem which by its very nature is higly emotional and particularly sensitive to gusts of passion and prejudice. There is no easy, magic solution to it. Diatribes in either of our languages will contribute nothing to national unity but much to national disunity. No magic will dissolve hostilities which are engendered by extremism on either side. No magic will educate suspicious, satisfy the legitimate aspirations of Quebec, remove understandable anxieties outside Quebec; in short, make the problem go away. Moreover, the problem is complicated by loose talk and misunderstanding about the meaning of such words as "biculturalism" and "biligualism".

What do we mean by biculturalism? Not, surely, that our nation has or will have only two cultural sources, French and English, each exclusive of the other. For one thing, English culture and French culture are not, and cannot be, separate and distinct from each other or from other cultural strains in Canada. Above all, biculturalism does not mean that these other cultural strains in our society, non Anglo-Saxon or non-French, should be discouraged from making their own strong and enriching contribution to what we are trying to develop in Canada.

Cultural segregation, or cultural separatism, is no more welcome than some other forms of segregation or separatism. Equally to be rejected would be any attempt at cultural absorption by social or political pressure. This is especially the case when the political foundation of a federal state is based on two language groups, with a consequent emphasis on duality which might seem to depreciate the cultural importance of other racial groups in our population. Bicultural does not, as I understand it, and must never mean this kind of exclusiveness, with any assumption or appearance of superiority. What biculturalism in our country does and should mean is that there are two strains, French and, for want of a better word, English, which were the foundation of our national society.

There must be no pressure on one to absorb the other, but they should develop alongside each other; each, I hope, influencing and improving the other and each influenced and enriched by the cultural contribution of other racial groups strains which are to be encouraged.

Similarly with bilingualism. Surely it must not be given a restrictive or coercive meaning. It does not mean, as I see it, that every Canadian will be forced to learn two official languages, or that the two official languages, English and French, must be used in every part of Canada in official texts and public declarations. That would be impracticable and unnecessary, and in any event is a matter for the provinces to decide. The federal government, however, has an obligation in this linguistic field to ensure that the rights of the French language, as guaranteed in our constitution, are preserved and can be exercised; an obligation to ensure that a Canadian using French in federal offices and in respect of federal activities and services will not be discouraged from such use or made to feel a foreigner, especially in his own capital, by another Canadian refusing to acknowledge his right to use the French tongue. Eventually, I believe it must become normal and accepted for all federal services to use both languages interchangeably wherever there are Canadians of both languages living and working.

## SERMON FOR THE WEEK

### TRUE REWARD OF VIRTUE

There are few more pathetic personal tragedies in the history of the Talmudic worthies than that of Elisha ben Abuya, a distinguished teacher of Torah who counted R. Meir among his disciples, and who became the arch-apostate of his time, flouting and denying all that he had held dear and propagated formerly. So utterly transformed was he that he was given the nickname "Acher", "another"; so convinced was he of his complete rejection by God that when R. Meir, who remained faithful to him even after his defection, urged him to find his way back to God, he answered with poignant sadness: "I heard a voice from on high saying, "Return, ye backsliding children — except for Acher." Against him, in his view, the gates of repentance were closed.

The rabbis are naturally greatly exercised to explain this complete apostasy. According to one explanation, it was the result of an incident which completely shattered his faith in Divine justice. There are two, and two only commandments in the Torah of which it is stated that those who fulfil them will have "length of days", the Fifth Commandment and the apparently unimportant one enjoining the sending away of the dam when rifling a nest.

A man requested his son to climb up to the roof of his house and bring down the eggs from a nest, and that he should be careful to send the dam away. The son obeyed his father and thereby at one and the same time fulfilled both the precepts which promise "length of days on the land". And on his descent he slipped and fell to his death. When Elisha ben Abuya saw this it had a shattering effect upon his faith. "Where then is this man's length of days, and where is his happiness?" and the shock changed him into "Acher."

What is the answer? asks the Talmud, and it is given by R. Jacob, who lays down the fundamental principle that "there is no reward for virtue in this world". "That it may go well with thee" refers to the world which is wholly good, "that thy days may be long" refers to the world which is eternal. This R. Jacob was the grandson of Elisha ben Abuya, the son of his daughter, and the Talmud sadly comments: "Had Acher only interpreted this verse as did his daughter's son, he would not have sinned".

And from the grandfather we turn to the grandson. One can well imagine him, a boy at the time of his grandfather's spiritual tragedy, brought up under its shadow, continually asking himself, Why? What is the answer? If the Torah is true, wherein did my grandfather err? And as a result of these agonising questions in which filial piety strove with faith he came to the answer and to the resultant purified conception of the doctrine of retribution.

But that is not all. Can we not now appreciate how, as a result, his whole mind became preoccupied with the problem of the relation of this world to the next, and that preoccupation produces his two favourite maxims which are preserved in the Fourth Chapter of Ethics which we read tomorrow: "R. Jacob said, "This world is like an antechamber to the world to come. Prepare thyself in the ante-chamber that thou mayest enter into the palace".

"He used to say, 'Better is one hour of repentance and good deeds in this world than the whole of the world to come; yet better is one hour of blissfulness of spirit in the world to come that the whole life of this world'."

And the tragedy of the grandfather produced in the grandson what has been called "One of the noblest pearls in the whole realm of religious proverb-lore".

# THE LIVELY ARTS ● Film, Theatre, Music ● By D. COHN

● Marc Chagall remembers the day he had met sculptor Jacob Epstein. "All artists should know each other," the latter said. Chagall answered, "I'm not sure that I'm really an artist."

He is working now on the windows for the Cathedral of Metz, which will be on exhibition at the Musee de Rouen in June, July and August. He is also designing the UN's memorial window for Dag Hammerskjold and two memorial windows for the Rockefellers. These, together with those for Jerusalem, will be reproduced in a new book.

● Richard Tucker begins his 20th year with the Metropolitan Opera. Previously an orthodox cantor in Brooklyn, he made his opera debut in January, 1945, in La Giaconda.

● Ernest Borgnine isn't Jewish but his ex-wife, Rhoda, is. She lives in the San Fernando Valley where she is raising their daughter, Nancy, 11, in the Jewish faith.

● Ethel Merman formely Zimmerman, is not Jewish.

● Is Joey Bishop interested in converting anyone? Whenever he does his warmup during a show, he tells the audience, "Immediately after the show, we're all going to Temple".

Asked if his wife Sylvia is a redhead, Joey replied, "We've been married 23 years and we've gone through every color."

● Benny Rubin, famous for his Yiddish dialect in vaudeville, played an Arab for a Red Skelton show and immediately became emotionally perplexed.

● Myron and Miriam Cohen will celebrate their 40th anniversary in June. They were married in the Bronx when he was in the silk business.

● Jerry Vale, Italian vocalist, is married to Rita Grapel, Jewish girl from Brooklyn. She taught him to sing, I Love You Much Too Much, which he sings in Yiddish in a recently released album.

● Joey Bishop, working in a Philadelphia cafe, says, "I don't know if it's so good appearing in your home town. You work for years to achieve stardom, then you walk down the street and someone yells, 'Hey, it's Joey Gottlieb!'"

● Sam Levenson has an Aunt Beckie who is convinced that this is the worst of all possible worlds. The last time he came home from a weekend at her house he decided to shoot the works and sent her a magnum of champagne and a pound of caviar. A few evenings later he phoned her. "How are you, Aunt Beckie?" he asked. "Dying, of course," she moaned. „You never acknowledged my gift," he told her. "Didn't you like it?" 'I'll tell you," said Aunt Beckie, "the ginger ale wasn't so bad. But that huckleberry jam! You must have left it standing next to some fish in the refrigerator all night!"

● Yitzhak Perlman, 18, of Tel Aviv, violinist who has performed extensively throughout Canada and the United States since the age of 12, won the Leventritt international violin competition in New York last Tuesday and with it a $1,000 prize and the privilege of appearing with the major orchestras of cities on the North American continent.

Mr. Perlman, born in Tel Aviv, began his musical studies at the Academy of Music there. He has been studying in the U. S. since 1958, winning scholarships from the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and the Juillard School of Music.

Mr. Perlman has been lame in both legs as the result of infantile paralysis since he was four years old.

Incidentally, the $25,000 Stradivarius on which he performed was stolen when it was put down momentarily. It was later found at a pawn shop where it was bought for $15.

● Dave Brinkley, TV correspondent, reports from the Negev desert in Israel:

A Bedouin tribesman traded off his daughter in marriage in exchange for a fourth wife for himself. His sons were furious, because they intended to trade her for wives for themselves.

Now if they want wives, they will have to pay bride money. That used to be ten dollars. But now it's one hundred. We don't know why, unless it's supply and demand.

Anyway, they're so furious they've moved out of their father's tent.

Difficulties like this are causing many young Arabs to turn Communist.

## — Keep Smiling —

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His wife quickly replied, "We are already rich, dear. We have each other. Some day maybe we'll have money."

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# TORONTONIANS: A PATRON OF ARTS

If, within the next few years, Toronto is going to change into a cosmopolitan, art conscious city with its own Montparnasse and Greenwich Village, it all will be the result of the dedication of one man, paradoxically a merchant, a businessman. It seems that finally, after many years of search for a Canadian Maecenas, there appeared in our Bohemian world an idealistic promoter of culture in the person of Ed Mirvish, known to thousands for his popular, cut rate store, Honest Ed's.

Thus far, the greatest achievement of Virginia-born Toronto-reared Ed Mirvish is the revival of the Royal Alexandra as a center of the legitimate theater. After many already had marked this famous, ancient temple of show business in our city with R. I. P., there came upon the horizon the angel of resurrection: Ed Mirvish. And Ed did not engage in this theatrical venture as the typical Broadway angel with the purpose of making money from a hit, but rather as the long-forgotten Maecenas of the nineteenth century. While Honest Ed believes that eventually the Royal Alex will be making money—because it is going to be a good theater—he is ready meanwhile to give all the backing necessary.

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In the meantime, the Royal Alex has undergone a physical change. While, at the same time, retaining its antique decor and furnishings, it has been renovated and given the once-over, which makes it pleasant and attractive the way a theater should be. Simultaneously, Ed is determined that the best talent available and the finest productions that can be had should be presented at the Royal Alex.

There is no question about it: so far he has succeeded, according even to the most sophisticated taste and the elite among the snobs.

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Who is this Ed Mirvish? Why is he so dedicated to the Royal Alex?

Ed is relatively young. He will be fifty in July. He was brought up in the poor immigrant section of Toronto where his parents ran a grocery. His childhood was one of a typical Jewish boy of that period.. His Jewish education was taken care of by the old-type Melamed, and it terminated when he became Bar Mitzvah at the Palmerston Synagogue. However, Ed's son David benefited from the modern Associated Hebrew School-type of education.

From his early years, Ed Mirvish had to work hard—and he did. His present, commercial empire, Honest Ed's one of the most successful businesses of this type on the continent, definitely is the fruit of hard labor and commercial honesty.

The love of art is in his family. His wife Ann is a sculptress; David, 19, now runs an art gallery on Markham St. which, thanks to Ed Mirvish, now is becoming the Greenwich Village of Toronto, in the best sense of the word.

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We discussed with Ed his vista of Toronto as a city of art and culture. We observed the practical businessman in his artistic study, day-dreaming about the changes which we may see soon in our city. Ed believes that thousands will become the patrons of good theater which will be both entertaining and educational. And those who know Ed say that whatever he touches turns to gold. He will defeat the pessimism of the skeptics and prove that Torontonians will not have to travel to New York or Paris in order to breathe the atmosphere of authentic culture and true art.

Robert F. Mirvish, Ed's brother and well-known author, wrote a book about Ed which he concluded by quoting Ed's philosophy of success. He says that the following rules are the light motif as a businessman:

1. Fulfill a need.
2. Go against the trend.
3. Keep it simple.

These precepts are responsible for Honest Ed's success as a businessman. They may well become the guide to Ed Mirvish's rise in the field of arts.

TO SPEAK IN TORONTO: Dr. Avraham Biran, M.A., Ph.d. Director, Department of Archaeology and Antiquities of the Israel Ministry of Education and Culture is to address the Canadian Chapter of the Israel Medical Association at its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 8:30 pm. at the Zionist Centre. 188 Marlee Avenue.
This exceptonal evening will highlight the final arrangements of the trip to Israel and Europe of members of the Chapter attending the Sixth World Assembly of the Israel Medical Association.
Arrangements for Dr. Biran's presence have been made with the co-operation of the Central Division, Zionist Organization of Canada.

Honest to goodness art: ED MIRVISH

## theatre hi-lites

● After a week of "darkness", Alexander H. Cohen brings to O'Keefe Center America's funniest show, Beyond the Fringe '64, for one week, Monday May 11th through Saturday, 16th.

Acclaimed in London, Australia and South Africa, the first edition delighted local audiences in the fall of 1962 before opening on Broadway. Containing new sketches, Beyond the Fringe '64 has become this season's outstanding comedy hit.

● Ed Mirvish, dynamic owner of the Royal Alexandra, never stays put. With Ed Durocher as head comptroller, Mr. Mirvish assumes complete managerial powers for the Royal Alex's coming season. He will seek, select, book and make contracts. Joan Ganong continues to be Ed's able assistant; Cathy Smythe prepares publicity. Harold Meyers is in charge of advertising and sales promotion.

## THEATRE IN TORONTO

by BARBARA I. PEARL

### HOUSE OF ATREUS SPECTACULAR

Last Wednesday evening was a challenging one at O'Keefe Center — not for the fact that the National Ballet of Canada is performing there till tomorrow night, nor that Les Sylphides and Offenbach in the Underworld were presented.

Opening a ballet concert with Chopin's waltzes and mazurkas always is mood-inspiring. Seeing an array of sylphes dance with grace and precision under stunning blue-white rays is a constant delight to the eye. Especially satisfying was Marcia Haydee as soloist.

Potpourris in a French cafe to the tunes of Offenbach's best works is stimulating at all times. Grotesqueness and comedy in pantomime and dance prove that the Ballet finally has reached maturity and the acme of terpsichore.

But — what really made a difference with capitals was the unusual presentation of the House of Atreus, sandwiched between the usual and the superficial. The performance of the age-old theme was positively electrifying.

In brief, Agamemnon returns from the wars finding his wife Clytaemestra deeply involved in a sordid affair with Aegisthus. The two, notwithstanding that the children, Electra and Orestes, are witness to everything, murder Agamemnon.

To even the score, Electra and Orestes, grown up, the former crazed by sorrow, kill the lovers, to which the enraged furies do away with Orestes, leaving Electra alone in her bitter triumph.

There wasn't enough of Lawrence Adams, who portrayed Agamemnon, for one to be particularly impressed. Weighted down by heavy armor, his steps were at times laborious.

Jacqueline Ivings as Clytaemestra was graceful as well as compelling. Yves Cousineau bore the forboding lover well.

Rebecca Bryan as the child Electra and Timothy Spain as child Orestes proved more than merely talented. As grownups, Lois Smith and Earl Kraus brought their respective roles to a crescendo, running the gamut of emotion from utter dejection to bitter fury.

What molded the entire tragedy into one daring episode were the combined efforts of three Canadians: Harry Somers, Grant Strate, Harold Town.

The unresolved chords and continuous percussion of Mr. Somers' music was jarring — but perfectly blended with the theme of war and frenzy.

Mr. Strate's choreography, albeit on familiar ground, flowed smoothly and distinctly.

It was, however, Mr. Town's decor and costuming that proved most striking. If he wished to shock the audience, he failed; one has become blase by now and can accept anything in stride. But he has succeeded in relieving the eye of the usual by providing stark, bizzarre, surrealistic lines.

The lewdness depicted on the costumes merely emphasized the main theme. The straight, vertical and horizontal poles which supported the dead lovers on high left to the imagination their (the lovers) being in a world beyond. Agamemnon's death in an enmeshed, net-like entombment seemed not at all gruesome.

We liked the House of Atreus. It should be exposed to the public more frequently.


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TORONTO WOMEN HOLD UJA MEETING: The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lodzer Center devoted the program at one of their recent meetings to the 1964 UJA campaign. Harry Topper was the guest speaker. Among those present at the meeting were seated, left to right, Mrs. Joseph Slonim, Mrs. Zalman Berholz, Mrs. Isaac Peters, Mrs. L. Padock and Mrs. Alter Platt. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Isadore Helreich, Mrs. Zenek Weigensberg, Mrs. Mark Wellman, Mrs. Jack Ber, Harry Topper, Mrs. Leon Drew and Mrs. Henry Wildbaum.

# toronto: mainly about women

by ESTHER ZELDIN

● The Pioneer Women's Organization will hold its annual Donor Dinner on Tuesday, May 5th, in the Beth Sholom Synagogue. Guest speaker will be Mrs. David Gotein, Women's Affairs Attache, Embassy of Israel in Washington, D. C.

The 700 member Toronto group is part of a world wide organization comprising some 400,000 members who support a network of 1000 social service institutions for children, youth and women in Israel.

Convenor is Mrs. Leonard Kay; co-conveners are: Mrs. Louis Kershenbaum, Mrs. Sam Rife and Miss Pearl Borts.

● Plans for the annual spring tea of Galila Club, Pioneer Women, was held on Sunday, April 26th, in the home of Mrs. William Ekstein, were finalized at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Tobis. Convener is Mrs. Jack Nighingale; co-conveners are Mrs. Jack Mandel and Mrs. B. Glicksman.

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● Rabbi B. Rosensweig was guest of honor at the monthly Shabbat in honor of Rosh Chodesh, held by the Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood. Hostesses were: Frank Mushell; Mrs. Manny Pack; Mrs. Stanley Rakowsky; Mrs. Alex Serota. Other members present included Mesdames Sally Berman, Jack Blitz, Kate Devor, Irving Goodman, Hetty Josephs, Harry Magder, Nat Min, Frank Mushell, Stanley Rakowsky, B. Rosensweig, Abe Sheff, Al Sugar, Dave Sugar, Bertha Weinberg, Goldie Wolfe and Al Zeldin.

● Mrs. Samuel Spencer, a past president of Eglinton Chapter, B'nai B'rith, installed her sister, Mrs. Philip Levine, as president of the same chapter. Other members of the new executive are: Mrs. Meyer Rotstein, first vice president; Mrs. Benjamin Hechter, second vice president; Mrs. Eric Exton, third vice president; Mrs. Mac Hoffman, financial secretary; Mrs. Cecil Killen, recording secretary; Mrs. Joseph Switzer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sam Zackheim, treasurer; Mrs. Jack Levinson, counsellor; Mrs. George Friedman, guardian; Mrs. Morris Fox, sentinel. Trustees include: Mrs. Manny Spring; Mrs. David Green; Mrs. Leonard Shapiro; Mrs. Percy Brand; Mrs. Harry Usher; Mrs. Manny Grossman. Participating in a musical program were: Mesdames J. Barruch, J. Kamin, P. Sherman, H. Slater, B. Ticktin and Mrs. M. Spring, accompanist.

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● A treasure sale will be held by Beth El Sisterhood on Tuesday, May 5th, from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. Items will include handicrafts, jewerly, toys, records, baked goods. Members of the committee of arrangements include: Mesdames David Edson, Stanley Zernit, Arthur Adler, R. Fonberg, I. Fraser, N. Weinstein, J. Gerskup, Irvin Edson.

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● Mrs. Gershon Avner, wife of the Israeli ambassador, was guest speaker at the Book-of-Life sign-in luncheon held in the home of Mrs. Harold Rosenberg. Imas who have contributed to the support of a child in Israel for one year received pins. Recipients were: Mesdames D. Dunkelman, M. Goldhar, William Leibel, M. A. Levy, S. Lunenfeld, I. Rosenthal and M. Tanenbaum. Mrs. M. Clavir is chairman of the Book-of-Life; Mrs. I. Posluns, Youth Aliyah co-ordinating chairman.

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● Mrs. D. Freifeld discussed the Book of Ruth at a meeting of the Junior N'Shei Agudath Israel in the new Aguda Center.

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● Toronto Leukemia Fighters will present a dance on Saturday, May 2nd, in the Adath Israel synagogue. Conveners are Mrs. Fred Greenbaum and Mrs. S. Prince. Proceeds will go towards leukemia research.

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● Miniature Israeli flags were pinned on guests attending an Independence Day tea held by Ilana chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, in the home of Mrs. N. Kanner. Seated at the tea table were: Mesdames M. Chesley, L. Rosenfield, J. Weinstock, J. Ross, S. Goldsmith, H. Blum and J. Reichman. Arrangements for the tea were under the supervision of Mrs. A. Spiegel.

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● A fund raising campaign in memory of the late Bea Halpert has been initiated by Club Masada, Pioneer Women. Funds will go towards the education of high school students in Israel. Mrs. I. Kezwer is in charge of the campaign.

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● Ida Starkman presided at the closing executive meeting of the Parents' Association, Toronto Hebrew Day School. Reports were given by Ruth Frankel, Honor-Your-Child project, and Mary Teich, year ad book. Hostesses were: Isabelle Snow; Helen Zimmerman; Robert Tobias; Mary Teich; Marie Silverberg.

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● Etzion Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, will hold a tea this Sunday, May 3rd, in the home of Mrs. P. Soberman. Tea convener, Mrs. S. Waverman, will be assisted by Mrs. B. Berger, Mrs. K. Price and Mrs. B. Wolfish. Plans were formulated at a recent meeting presided by Mrs. L. Rosenfield in the home of Mrs. I. Reingewirtz. Mrs. M. Balinsky was cited for her efforts as chapter convener of the recent theater night. An ad book donor report was given by Mrs. N. Sheilds. A raffle, donated by the hostess, was won by Mrs. Toby Price.

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● A Sabbath Workshop was held recently by the Adath Israel Sisterhood. Guests were welcomed by chairman, Mrs. Sam Taft. An explanation of the Sabbath table was given by Mrs. H. Stein; candles were lit and the blessing pronounced by Mrs. S. Starkman. Mrs. Robert Kay, president, narrated a Sabbath poem. Other contributors included: Rabbi E. Schild; Pesach Schindler; Mrs. L. Eisenstat; Mrs. M. Nixon; Cantor M. Nixon.

The workshop was sparked by a skit, The Family at the Sabbath Table, featuring: Cantor Murray Nixon; Pesach Schindler; Mrs. Alex Tobias; Mrs. Sidney Starkman; Mrs. Sidney Kaell. Members received special recipes prepared by Mrs. E. Schild.

## Lag B'Omer: Its Meaning

This year Lag B'Omer occurs on April 30th, literally the 33rd day since the beginning of the counting of the Omer.

The period of solemnity between Pesach and Shavuot is a long one, and even if taken from Iyar 2 it is still too long for the human temperament to sustain. If Lag B'Omer did not exist it might have had to be invented.

Klausner, indeed, suggests that it was invented, and for that very reason, but most authorities agree that this minor festival stems from the days of Rabbi Akivah and Bar Kochba and their relentless struggle against Rome. The solemnity commemorates the misfortunes of the campaign: Lag B'Omer, the brief break in misfortune.

Succeeding generations have witnessed new causes for solemnity, and none more than ours, but if every calamity in Jewish history was commemorated there would not be a glad day to our calendar.

If Lag B'Omer is going by default, it is perhaps because the period of the Omer itself has gone by default.

Yet it would be unfortunate if in our comparatively happy times we forgot the salutary lessons of our past, but would our memory not be better served by a day, or days, than a week of weeks?

## Discuss Divorce Controversy

New York, (CJN JCNS) — Rabbi I. J. Unterman, Israel's new Ashkenazi chief rabbi, has agreed "in principle" to discuss the refusal of the Israeli Rabbinate to recognise the bills of divorcement (Gittin) granted by authorised members of the joint Beth Din of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

A cable, giving this pledge and saying that a letter will follow, has been received by Rabbi Saul Liberman, Professor of Talmudic studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, this correspondent here has learned.

The matter has been in dispute since November when the Tel Aviv Rabbinate refused to accept a Get issued in America by an authorised Conservative rabbi. The Get was submitted by a woman who wished to remarry.

The Rabbinical Assembly's executive council has endorsed the participation of Rabbi Theodore Friedman, the Assembly president, in the cable, sent to Israel last month by leaders of seven American Jewish organisations, urging Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Premier, to resist extremist religious pressure. American Orthodox circles had questioned whether Rabbi Friedman spoke for all Conservative rabbis.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

**CHERRY ROLL**

2½ cups sugar
2 cups water
2 cups sifted flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons butter
3/4 cup milk (about)
3 cups sour pitted cherries
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon softened butter

Combine 1½ cups sugar and water and simmer 5 minutes. Pour into 8 x 12 x 2-inch pan. Mix and sift flour, baking powder, salt and ¼ cup sugar. Cut in nearly all of the butter; add enough milk to make a moderately soft dough. Place on floured board and roll about ¼-inch thich. Spread with softened butter. Cover with cherries and sprinkle with combined sugar and cinnamon. Roll as for jelly roll. Cut in 1½-inch pieces and lay cut side up in syrup. Bake about 25 minutes in hot oven (425 degrees), basting two or three times with syrup. Yields 5 to 6 servings.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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# WORRY WARTS

**by Ruthie**

After trial and error, I come to the conclusion that parents worry continuously over nothing. And, regardless of any reasoning to the contrary, they always will — that's what they're for.

I don't mean one's concern about important matters. These aren't usually what make your heart tumble and another strand of hair grow gray.

After all, the average family possesses an ethical code of morals which is passed on to the offspring. And, even with some trepidation occasionally, the youngsters turn out a credit to mama and papa.

I refer to the everyday harassments that add up and *noodja* (nag) and *noodja*.

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Kids are a whole lot smarter than we admit. Yet when they want to grow as nature intends, discover the world, the first thing they have to do is learn to "fight" their ever-loving parents. And that begins from scratch.

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When we buy a crib, invariably a soft bumper goes with it. The infant can't even squirm yet, but we're already worrying about its bumping its head. And what if it does?

Weren't you ever awakened in the middle of the night by a loud bang? You discovered that the little, fragile doll knocked its head against some part of the crib — with such a thud, you wondered how its skull remained intact.

This proves they're tougher than we think.

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When your *nakhessl* (pride) starts school, you go along too, holding him by the hand. Trouble is, some mamas don't know when to stop. They're still hanging on — when their children are eight, nine, even ten. No wonder some youngsters lack confidence.

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Remember when you bought junior his first bike? It wasn't so bad when he rode on the sidewalk. It didn't bother you if the little darling ran into a passerby.

But when he was old enough to hit the road! How many times you yelled after him.

"Ride near the curb! Watch out for cars! Don't go against traffic!"

By then, if you still had any more admonitions, he didn't hear you anyway. And you bit your fingernails down to a pulp till you saw him safely home.

"Gee, you're the only mother who worries," was the greeting.

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Ever leave an adolescent daughter home alone with the small fry for the first time?

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You can go on like that forever. But *ess helft vie a toiten bahnkess* (it helps like for a dead person healing-cups). You get an automatic yes and a deaf ear.

So are you having a good time? To wherever you're going and from wherever you're coming, you're tuned in to the news report. Maybe, for all you know, God forbid, your house burned down.

And when you arrive home, you can't get in fast enough. You stop only long enough to notice that the house is still standing and there are no crowds in front. It's *sha, shtill* (quiet).

Upon opening the door, you're assailed by a familiar, pleasant aroma.

You make a beeline for the kitchen. Just as you've expected — someone experimented with a box of cake mix.

You quickly check the bedrooms. The lambs are sleeping like angels.

You dash back to the kitchen because — your feeling of concern rapidly mounts to anger.

Baking utensils are piled in the sink, the egg beater stands caked on the cupboard, burnt drippings are in the stove, eggshells are scattered on the table.

You don't think — well, how else will they learn? You're just ready to rip them apart.

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For all these unwarranted fears, maybe you'll get someday a *guldenna metzayva* (golden monument).

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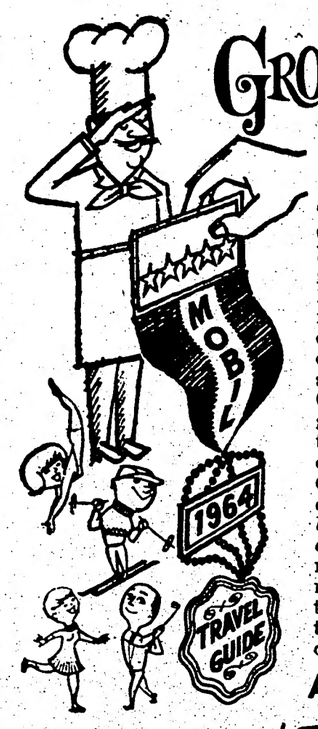


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## NEGRO POGROM IN BROOKLYN

# WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

By EDWARD ROSS,
CJN Correspondent

NEW YORK, (CJN) — What happened last week in Brooklyn? Was it just another juvenile gang manifestation or — the first Negro pogrom in the history of New York?

Before analyzing the facts let us first recapitulate them:

It happened a week ago Tuesday.

Two rabbinical teachers and at least 15 young pupils at a Brooklyn Central Lubavich Yeshiva were roughed up in two separate, unprovoked attacks by Negro boy and girl teen-agers, 50 of them in one of the assaults. The Negroes first taunted the students with anti-Semitic insults.

The two melees — watched with apparent indifference by scores of passersby and several dozen passengers on two buses which stopped at the scene — occurred outside the United Lubavitcher Yeshiva, 1352 Bedford Ave., at the corner of Bergen St., in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section.

The first encounter was at 12:30 P. M., as between 100 and 125 students aged 6 to 13, stood outside the school during lunch recess.

The Negroes — some carrying sticks, bottles, chains and switch-blade knives — turned from Bergen St. into Bedford Ave. and immediately began shouting epithets.

Rabbi Abraham Barnetsky, frail, 46-year-old fifth-grade teacher, tried to break up the battle and was kicked and knocked to the ground. As students went to his aid, and others battled their attackers, the casualty list of bruised and out students rose.

Finally, Leo Berkman, 43, a Building Department inspector, of 3301 Nostrand Ave. Brooklyn, stopped his car, jumped out and grabbed one of the assailants as the others fled. He made a citizen's arrest of Bernard Lane, 15, of 243 Monroe St., Brooklyn.

Lane was held overnight in the Manhattan Youth House for arraignment in Brooklyn Children's Court on a third-degree assault charge.

At 2:55 P. M., a group of 10 Negro youths came along and beat up Samuel Lipsker, 10, of 1459 Montgomery St., Brooklyn, as he stood outside the school. They then ran off.

Rabbi Samuel Schrage, principal of the school, said that some of the Negro youths threatened to return at night with guns.

Also injured during the earlier fracas was Rabbi Isidore Kolodny, an instructor at the school.

The police are keeping a close watch on the school and promised a round-the-clock guard for an idefinite period. The Jews were shaken, more emotionally than physically, and during the week there was a long series of visitors of all faiths and colors, come to assure them that the incident was unfortunate.

Yet in the eyes of the school's officials it was more inevitable than unfortunate.

"It's been building up for several years," said Rabbi Samuel Schrage. "We are desperate to get out of here.

"We are not wanted here, we are not liked here, and we do not have the respect of our Negro neighbors."

"It was like watching a movie from Africa, one of those rebellions where the Africans attack the whites," Rabbi Schrage said.

A crowd of about 50 persons, almost all of them Negroes, gathered to watch. They made no move to stop the fight.

Finally a white man, Leo Berman, grabbed one of the Negroes, and the others fled.

The shakedown of the Jews began almost immediately after the neighborhood became a Negro one. "It was always anti-Semitic," he said. "It was always: "Give me a dime, Jew,' not 'Give me a dime, boy.'"

The students, he said, were regularly shaken down for small change, and frequently lost hats, coats and briefcases. The transit all city school children get were specially stamped "Good on Sunday" because the Yeshiva student's go to school on Sunday, and the Negroes covet these, too, Rabbi Schrage said.

To the Negroes, the Jews are white, richer, different. They are also obviously weaker. In addition, said a rabbi, an undercurrent of anti-Semitism is frequently evident in the meetings and teachings of the Black Muslims.

All this, added to what one police official called "the overpowering feeling of frustration in that area," led to the conflict.

Rabbi Schrage says the situation has been getting worse, deteriorating. "It will be worse in the spring and summer, of course," he added. "That's when it's more restless here, and they can sit around and throw beer cans at us."

### Feelings Are Mixed

The incident has complicated the feeling of the Jews toward the Negroes. "They used to read about these things in Alabama and they were very upset and wanted to help the Negroes," Rabbi Schange said." Now I don't know."

A 13-year-old older brother of one of the students who wa injured, walked into the Rabbi's office. Asked how he felt about Negroes, he said: "They don't belong here. You read about them wanting to go to school with white people, but they're not fit to."

Moments later however, the editor of the School's high school division paper came in. He said he sympathized with the problems of the Negroes. The trouble was not their fault, he said.

In any case, the Jews have had enough.

"We want to get out of here as quickly as we can," Rabbi Schrage said. "A school should serve its community. We don't serve this community."

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One student was very outspoken: We have been fighting for Dr. Luther King, Will Luther King come to Brooklyn to appeal to his people for tolerance?

# Montreal Women

● Mrs. George Hees was guest of honor recently at the State of Israel Bonds luncheon. Mr. Eleazar Lipsky was guest speaker. Hostesses were Mrs. Jacob Elkin and Mrs. Julius J. Block. Mrs. Samuel Bronfman, OBE, was honorary patroness.

● Mrs. Theodore Lande, who has served on the executive committee of the Women's Division of Combined Jewish Appeal since 1961, received the Barkoff Leadership Award. She will be special delegate to the annual general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be held in St. Louis, Mo., this year. The Citation was presented to the Education Committee "in recognition of outstanding contributions made toward a deeper understanding of the values inherent in the community's health and welfare services." The citation was received on benalf of all the women who served in this program by Mrs. Sol Schwartz, Mrs. J. A. Lyon Heppner and Mrs. Alan Finestone, all past chairmen of the Women's Education Committee. Mrs. Irvin Gertsman is current chairman.

● Concordia Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, met last week at the home of Mrs. B. Copper. Dr. Sydney Feldman was guest speaker. Mrs. R. Harte, president, presided.

● Mrs. Bertram Stanley Bornstein was elected recently president of Montreal Menorah Chapter No. 717, B'nai B'rith Women. Vice presidents are Mrs. Ben Dolansky, Mrs. Charles Roth and Mrs. Irwin Goldenblatt.

● Cum Laude Chapter No. 548, B'nai B'rith Business and Professional Girls' Group, met April 28th. Miss Eileen Berger, president, presided. Shirley Feldman was program chairman.

● Mrs. Gerald Smith was installed president of Jordania Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, at its annual meeting last Saturday. Vice presidents are Mrs. Ben Liederman, Mrs. Joseph Orenstein and Mrs. Louis Vogel.

● Mrs. Sam Cayne and Mrs. Sidney Friedman convened the closing luncheon of the Ladies Branch of the Greystone Curling Club recently. Mrs. Bernard Roll and Mrs. Saul Weinstein were in charge of hostesses.

● Mrs. S. Hendelman recently was elected president of Congregation Beth-El Sisterhood for 1964-65. Mrs. S. Weinstein is honorary president. Other members of the executive are: Mesdames H. Cohen, M. Dover, S. Pedvis, vice presidents; Mrs. M. Saxe and Mrs. C. Pollack, secretaries; Mrs S. Dermer, treasurer; Mrs. A. M. Langner, Mrs. W. Finer, Mrs. A. Jacobs and Mrs. D. Fisher.

● The Ezra Chapter of Hadassah held a money shower, card part and miniature bazaar April 27th at the Beth Moishe Synagogue.

● Mrs. Isadore Gesser, Golden Age Program president, discussed the recent leadership conference for 100 members of the Golden Age Program of the National Council of Jewish Women. Emmanuel Weiner, director of community planning of the Federation of Jewish Community Services, spoke on: The Road to the Future—Golden Age Leadership. Planning the conference were: Mrs. N. Leibovitch, chairman; Mrs. A. Charton; Mrs. R. Kaplansky; Mr. M. Lazarus; Mrs. H. Littman; Mrs. S. Payne; Miss R. Silverman; Mr. L. Sperling. Mrs. J. J. Waller is vice president of the Golden Age Program board of directors.

● Last weekend a preview opening to the Montreal Hadassah-Wizo Exposition was held. The exposition itself is under the patronage of the Mayor of Montreal and Mrs. Jean Drapeau, and the consul general of Israel, David Rivlin and Mrs. Rivlin. Prior to the ceremony, a sherry partp was held by the chairman, Mrs. Sidney Ostrov, in honor of all Montreal Hadassah bazaar chairmen and chapter presidents.

### TREVOR CHINN

● Mr. Trevor Chinn will address a meeting of younger people under the auspices of Toronto's J.N.F., this coming Wednesday, May 6th, 8:30 p.m. at the new Zionist Centre, 188 Marlee Ave.

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MAN IN THE NEWS

by L. LEWIS

# FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NEW CANADA B'NAI B'RITH

*In our Canadian Jewish community, this week's man in the news is Montreal's Henry Blatt. Dapper, energetic, dedicated Henry, whose youthful appearance and slender figure bely his fifty-three years, is one of those leaders in movements and organizations who apparently are born to leadership.*

*Henry Blatt can be very determined, yet he also knows when to compromise in reaching the ultimate goal. He has been a life-long worker for the reestablishment of the Jewish commonwealth in Eretz Israel. In 1956 he received the State of Israel Award for his successful chairmanship of B'nai B'rith Bonds Campaign. This is but one of the many honors bestowed upon him in public life.*

*Henry Blatt, born in 1911, is a happily married man. The Blatts have four children and five grandchildren.*

*It will be a great satisfaction to Henry Blatt when he is installed as the first president of Canada's own District Lodge No. 22 (for the establishment of which he has been laboring many years) this weekend at B.B. Convention in Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel.*

*Speaking of his new responsibilities, Mr. Blatt summed them up thus:*

*"It is important for Jews the world over to be organized under one roof. Our goal is to enroll every Jewish man into B'nai B'rith."*

HENRY BLATT

First B.B. Vice-President: Toronto's well-known community leader Max Schecter will be installed at the Inaugural Convention of B'nai B'rith as the first vice-president of the Canadian District.

## 1,000 CONVERGING ON MONTREAL

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At 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4th, a symposium on "Education in the Modern Age for Adults and College Youth" will be conducted by Rabbis Morris Adler and Ben Kahn. Rabbi Kahn is the National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. Rabbi Adler is known as an author of many articles in leading Anglo-Jewish publications.

The formal installation of the men's and women's presidents of Canadian District No. 22 will take place at a Grand Banquet on Monday evening, May 4th. Samuel Moskovitch, Q. C., Mayor of Cote St. Luc, will install Men's President Henry Blatt. Mrs. Leonard Sims will install the President of Women's District No. 22. Label A. Katz of New Orleans will be the guest speaker at this banquet.

On Tuesday morning, May 5th, at 9:30 a.m., a dramatic presentation of B'nai B'rith and it world programs will take place. Participants in this panorama of B'nai B'rith will be the Directors of the various policy-making Commissions.

In his welcome to B'nai B'rith — through The Canadian News — Montreal's Mayor Jean Drapeau stated:

### MESSAGE FROM HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

I am delighted to welcome, on behalf of the City of Montreal, the delegates of the B'nai B'rith Convention to be held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of May 1964.

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Moreover, in view of the 1967 Universal Exhibition which will be held in Montreal, our City is being enriched by a multiplicity of improvements which will be of great interest to the members of the B'nai B'rith Convention.

I sincerely hope that their stay in Montreal will be pleasant and may I express the fervent wish that our City will be selected for future conventions.

**Jean Drapeau**
Mayor of Montreal

MONTREAL

by MAZAL MIZRAHI

## Talk Of The Town

Among French intellectuals, talk of the town this week is an essay published by a Jew who is considered the most eminent political historian of present day France. He is Dr. Raymond Aron, the Toynbee of the French cultural world.

(I should say, the Toynbee of France, because, despite his proud Jewishness, Dr. Aron, professor at the Sorbonne, is not a Zionist. Readers of The Canadian Jewish News may recall his essay printed in this newspaper a few years ago in which he discussed the State of Israel and Judaism from his point of view.)

This time Dr. Aron has achieved a new coup. An essay of his was published (in last Friday's Figaro, France's most respected daily) wherein he takes up the cause of Quebec. (Montreal's Le Devoir reprinted the full text of this article on its front page.)

Dr. Aron maintains that, unless Ottawa give some satisfaction to the moderate nationalists in Quebec, the vast mass of French Canadians will join the dependence movement. He also feels that English Canadians have not given their French fellow citizens what men can least dispense with a sentiment of being recognized. What he proposes is a dialogue between equals as a solution to the Quebec problem.

According to historian Aron, English Canadians actually do not oppose a break in Confederation if this is the only solution possible.

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While Dr. Aron (from a distance and from a historian's perspective) accepts independence or separatism as a possible solution to the problem of Quebec, an eminent Canadian, Maurice Lamontagne, Canada's Secretary of State, cautions his fellow Quebecois against separatism. Twice last week, (on two separate occasions), addressing French Canadians, Mr. Lamontagne warned that any separatists revolution in Quebec ultimately would terminate in a Fascist dictatorship.

A friend of mine, a French Canadian, has a third theory concerning the recent nationist fervor in his Province. Says he:

"There is one factor most of us in French Canada have overlooked: the French Canadians, despite the exultation of France as their Fatherland, are not Frenchmen. Whether or not they know it, they are French-speaking North Americans. I, a French Canadian, feel more at home in New York than in Marseilles."

But this too, in these confusing days, is also an opinion — nothing more.

● Prof. Arthur Lermer, chairman of the Department of Economics at Montreal's Sir George Williams University, is leaving for Europe soon. He will make an intensive study of Western European economics - planning for the Canada Council.

Very few know that Professor Lermer is a well known Yiddish writer who contributes often to Yiddish literary magazines. In fact, he is a fighting Yiddishist and a non-Zionist of the Bund school.

● During the same week that Prof. Lermer was presented with a senior research award, a famous Canadian Zionist, Professor Maxwell Cohen, became Dean of the Faculty of Law at McGill University.

● French Canada will have the opportunity of hearing a noted Israel scholar, Prof. Joshua Prawar, Professor of Medival History and Dean of the Faculty of Letters at the Jerusalem Hebrew University. He arrived in Montreal this week and will remain until May 8th.

● Dr. Prawar will deliver most of his lectures at the French University of Montreal, under the auspices of the "Amities Culturelles Canada Francais-Israel".

## Montreal Obituary

**COHEN**, Fanny. On Thursday, April 23rd, wife of the late Oscar Cohen; beloved mother of Bernard, Marki, Mrs. J. Diwinsky (Gertrude); sister of Dave and Leon Tennenhouse; survived by 7 grandchildren.

**EFROS**, Abraham. On Tuesday, April 21st, beloved husband of the late Tema Efron; beloved father of Nathan of New York City, Frank, Issie, Mrs. Hyman Rittner (Polly), Mrs. Joe Brick (Sarah), Mrs. Joe Bereznik (Celia), Mrs. Julius Berney (Molly), Mrs. Joseph Dolansky (Masha), the late Mrs. Abe Rosenbloom (Zina) of New York City; survived by 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**EPSTEIN**, Louis. Suddenly, on Monday, April 20th, beloved husband of Freda Zelinsky, father of Marvin, Judy; brother of Irving, Carl of New York, Hrs. Harry Harris, Mrs. Ben Stark, Mrs. J. Sidman of New York.

**FRIEDMAN**, Ida. On Sunday, April 19th. Beloved sister of Mrs. Molly Lerner, Sophie and Mary.

**HOFFMAN**, Louis. Suddenly, on Sunday, April 19th, husband of the late Hannah Epstein; beloved father of Mrs. Fred Stein (Bertha) and Sidney; brother of Mrs. Rose Freedman, Mrs. Abe Morris and Mrs. Sarah Epstein; survived by 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**KAUFMAN**, Gitel. On Saturday, April 18th, wife of the late Rev. Shmil Kaufman; beloved mother of Zalman, Mrs. Toby Knoll, Lazar (Leo), Max, Solly and Mrs. H. Fishman (Annie); survived by 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren.

**MARCOVITCH**, Samuel. Suddenly on Sunday, April 19th, beloved husband of Lillian Silverstone; father of Stephen; brother of Mrs. Jack Feigen, Mrs. Samuel Lubin, Irene Rubin, Issie, Fred and Malo.

**WEXLER**, Jack. On Saturday, April 18th, beloved husband of Bessie Diskin; father of Robert and Larry; son of Brocha Wexler and the late Samuel; brother of Mrs. S. Guss, Mrs. B. Weller, Charles Far and Max Wexler. Survived by 4 grandchildren.

**ZWECKER**, Dora. On Saturday, April 18th. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

### TORONTO OBITUARIES

**ETKINS**, Seymor. On April 20, late of Windsor, Ont.

**FARBER**, Morris. On April 22, late of 329 Lippincott St.

**FARVIS**, Herman. On April 21, late of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

**GOODMAN**, Jack. On April 24, late of 7 Flanders Rd.

**GURIAN**, Anne. On April 26, late of 568 Manning Ave.

**KATZ**, Julius Pincus. On April 23, late of 92 Brunswick Ave.

**PERELGUT**, Rebecca. On April 13, late of Hamilton, Ont.

**MORRIS**, Betty. On April 25, late of 351 Northcliffe Blvd.

**REITER**, David. On April 21, late of 104 Lyndhurst Ave.

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**HOLY BLOSSOM**

● Over 40 partial scholarships were awarded by the Camp Scholarship Committee to deserving students of the Religious School. Chairman of the committee is Mrs. G. King. Committee members are: Mesdames Gordon Cohen, Lorne Dunkelman, Arthur Egier, Irving Liss, Herbert Rothschild.

● Mrs. Earl A. Farber, past president of Sisterhood, has been appointed national representative to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

● An Alumni Sewing Group has been organized recently to work for the Canadian Cancer Society. It meets on alternate Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members include: Mesdames Etta King, Annette Bisson, Anne Smith, Ida Gorfinkel, Mary Robinson, Bessie Winters, Rose Cymbal, Regina Wolfe, Fannie Coppelman, Sybil Rothschild, Sara Weiser, Bessie Cohen, Etta Gorfinkel, Sager, Celia Collins, Joseph Warsh, Marilyn Farber.

● The following slate for Sisterhood for 1964-65 is as follows: Mrs. J. J. Chesnie, president; Mrs. L. H. Cole, 1st vice president; Mrs. A. M. Winton, 2nd vice president; Mrs. David Sweet, 3rd vice president; Mrs. David Gordon, recording secretary; Msr. Raphael D. Wolfe, social secretary; Mrs. Harold E. Leslie, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Garbe, membership secretary; Mrs. Carl C. Cole, treasurer; Mrs. Harry J. Pachter, comptroller; Mrs. Sidney H. Banks and Mrs. Harold L. Sandler, dues treasurers. Board of directors for second term: Mrs. A. A. Epstein; Mrs. L. F. Labow; Mrs. Saul Lubell. Newly elected officers for Board (to serve for a period of two years): Mesdames Lewis Appelbaum, Jack Cole, Louis Libman, Arthur Paulin, Harry Shapiro, Irving Shendroff, Lionel Stutz, Leonard Wolfe.

● Holy Blossom Youth Council will have its election-dinner this coming Sunday, May 3rd, at 5:45 p.m.

● Young Marrieds' Group will meet in the library this Sunday, May 3rd, 8:30 p.m. Merle and Harvey Kriss will be leading discussants.

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**ADATH ISRAEL**

● Pre-USY activities will take place this Sunday, May 3rd, 2:00 p.m.

● Concluding Rosh Chodesh Seminar will be held Sunday, May 10th. Guest will be Dr. Morton Siegel who will lecture on: The Contribution of Maimonides to Jewish Intellectual History. Featured speaker at the evening banquet will be Rabbi Eugene Weiner of B'nai Jacob Congregation in Hamilton. He will analyze the value of Talmud Torah to the spiritual development of the teenager. Mr. Bert Godfrey, president of the Ontario Region of the United Synagogues of America, will bring greetings. Senior USYers from the entire region will be inducted into Atid, the college-age organization of United Synagogue. Rabbi Erwin Schild will be featured in a campus dialogue.

● Sisterhood will hold its annual Mothers Day Dinner on Thursday, May 7th.

● Tefillin Club will have closing Breakfast on Sunday, May 10th. Guest speaker will be Vernon Singer, Q. C.

**BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA**

The following are Brotherhood nominees: Harry Lerman, president; George Foxman, 1st vice president; Cecil Green, 2nd vice president; Sid Kroll, treasurer; Frank Wm. Weiner, secretary; Tev Bossin, Raph Chernin, Wilfred A. Meissner, Max Strauch, trustees. Board of Governors include: Edward Goldberg; Max Goldenberg; Mannie Grosbein; Murray Kideckel; Henry Layefsky; Irwin Miller; Samuel Richmond; Jack Tyle; Al Ugar; Harvey White.

**BETH AM**

An art exhibit and sherry party will be held in the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Raab, this coming Sunday, May 3rd. Featured will be the paintings and drawings of Anna Burns and the sculpture of May Marx. Chairmen of the event are Mrs. Howard Lockwood and Mrs. Arnold Drew.

**CLANTON PARK**

The following comprise the new executive and committee chairmen of Clanton Park Synagogue: Dr. N. Shaul, president; E. Munk, vice president; P. Schwartz, 2nd vice president; M. Pick, treasurer; S. Goldstein, corresponding secretary; S. Kuperstein, recording secretary; A. Weinstock, bulletin secretary; N. Kanner, S. Nussbaum, gabboim; L. Feldman, J. Rosen, cultural committee; A. Figdor, hall rental; I. Green, house committee; S. Edell, S. Grafstein, special funds; B. Hahn, S. Hoffstetter, membership committee; M. Feldman, youth activities; P. Danziger, I. Rubenstein, ritual committee; T. Manson, B. Rubenstein, telephone committee; S. Janowski, social committee; I. Wagner, bikur cholim; D. Rubenstein, Talmud Torah committee; B. Zimmerman, library committee; Rev. A. Hoffstetter, chevra kadisha; S. Ferman, Bl Hiltz, I. Kipper, M. Balinsky, trustees; L. Weil, publicity.

**B'NAI ISRAEL BETH DAVID**

● The following were elected to office at a meeting held recently: Bernard Weinstein, president; Alex Eisen, first vice president; Dave Dunn, second vice president; Lou Swimmer, secretary; Aaron Cohen, treasurer; William Fienberg, Jack Oberman Ave Vanek, trustees. The board of governors are composed of the following: Jacob Adler; Bernard Atin; Harry Berger; Sam Bloom; Sol Budd; Harold Cohen; Maurice Cohen; Joseph Feldt; Sidney Forcht, Sidney Fox, Lou Freedman, Ben Goodman, William Gryfe; Max Izen; Melvern Katzman; Lou Kirshenblatt; Jack Marmar; Richard Rovan; Bernard Rubin; Max Sandler; Arnold Selwyn; Manny Sherman; Murray Sherr; Sam Shulman; Sam Sobel; Phil Solish; Hyman Stoll; Fred Tittel; Morris Vanik.

● Sisterhood held a Tribute Tea yesterday, Lag B'Omer, at the home of Mrs. David Greengarten. Rabbi Albert Pappenheim and Mrs. Murray Vernon Branch chairman for the campaign, brought greetings. Convenors were Mrs. Sam Bocknek and Mrs. Fred Fine.

**BETH TORAH**

● The executive for the coming season consist of: Mark Goldenberg, president; Alan B. Zender, 1st vice president; Jack Rothman, 2nd vice president; Reuben Fenwick, treasurer; Charles Litner, secretary; Morris Turk, parnes; Morris Herling, gabbai. Board of trustees: Harry Bain; Harry Bobrowsky; Dr. S. C. Bond; Sidney Chapnick; Albert S. Cohen; Sam Cosman; Morris Freedman; Harry Goodman; David Haber; Morris Hauer; Saul Hauer; John Kirk; Abe Levine; Ernie Lieberman; Louis Lukofsky; Irving Mueller; Nathan Naymark; Dr. J. Seeman; Jack Silberman; Joseph Shapero; Milton Turk; Leon Yermus; Seymour Zweig; Jack Weinberger.

● Brotherhood held its semi-annual donor dinner recently. Louis Lukofsky, president, presided.

● On Sunday, April 19th, Rabbi B. Hauer addressed the assembly of the Hebrew School in celebration of Israel's Independence Day.

● Last Sunday, Dr. J. Seeman spoke about his tour of the Mid-East countries of Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon at a synagogue meeting.

**SHAAREI SHOMAYIM**

● A Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting will be held this coming Sunday, May 3rd, after 9:40 a.m. services.

● Sisterhood will present its annual spring tea on Wednesday, May 6th, at the home of Mrs. Jacob Hendeles, from 1-5 p.m.

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**UNVEILING**

The unveiling of a monument in memory of a dear husband, beloved father and grandfather.

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*J. P. KATZ, 79, of Toronto*
**BELOVED HUSBAND AND DEVOTED FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND GREAT-GRANDFATHER.**
**Funeral took place SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1964**
**Interment at Sanhedrya Cemetery, Jerusalem**

**Wife: ANNA LEAH**

**Daughter: RAE (Mrs. Israel Platner)**

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Metropolitan, a Canadian controlled company with international banking affiliations, reported assets including estates, trusts and agencies at year end December 31 of $37,250,758. They have since risen to more than $50,000,000.

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